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‘Bulldozers have become instrument for politics of revenge’: Arshad Madani on Saharanpur demolition

New Delhi, Sept 5

Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind President Maulana Syed Arshad Madani said on Saturday that bulldozers being used for demolition of illegal properties are increasingly becoming “less a symbol of justice and more an instrument of the politics of revenge, prejudice, and hatred”.

His reaction comes after the administration demolished a mosque located within the Collectorate complex in Uttar Pradesh’s Saharanpur after the Muslim side’s appeal was rejected by the court.

Taking to his official X account, the Muslim cleric called the demolition, “extremely regrettable”.

He questioned the “double standard” in the implementation of the laws prescribed by the Constitution, that is otherwise equal for all citizens.

“Today, bulldozers are



increasingly becoming less a symbol of justice and more an instrument of the politics of revenge, prejudice, and hatred. This is not merely a matter concerning a mosque; it raises fundamental questions about the supremacy of the Constitution, the rule of law, religious freedom, equality of citizens, and the impartial role of the state,” Arshad Madani said.

Referring to the existing Places of Worship Act, 1991, he added that the new Waqf law also contains a provision relating to “Waqf by User”.

Does constitutional guarantee of religious freedom no longer apply to Muslims: Owaisi

New Delhi, Sept 5

A I M I M President, Asaduddin Owaisi, on Saturday reacted to the demolition of a mosque at the Saharanpur Collectorate, questioning whether the constitutional guarantee of freedom of religion still applies to Muslims. He further said that “you cannot bulldoze our masjid just because you have an itch.”

Owaisi took to his social media ‘X’ and said, “The mosque in the Saharanpur Collectorate was demolished at 5 a.m. this morning. Does the constitutional guarantee of freedom of religion no longer apply to Muslims? Why is it that our places of worship are constantly bulldozed on flimsy grounds.”



If govt is going to take action, then lock up courts: Iqra Hasan condemns Saharanpur mosque demolition

Shamli, Sept 5

S a m a j w a d i Party (SP) MP, Iqra Hasan on Saturday condemned the demolition of an illegal mosque at the Saharanpur Collectorate, calling the action “shameful” and accusing the authorities of ignoring legal provisions. She added that if the “government is going to take action like this, then lock up the courts of the country.”

Speaking to IANS, the Kairana MP said the mosque was an old religious structure and alleged that the authorities proceeded with its demolition without adequately considering applicable legal provisions, including the Places of Worship Act and the concept of “Waqf by User”.



Telangana to introduce new education policy soon: CM Revanth

Shamli, Sept 5

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Saturday announced that the Telangana government would soon introduce a new Education Policy, with a focus on quality education, skill development and innovation.

Addressing a Teachers’ Day celebration at a government junior college in Kodangal, the Chief Minister called upon the teaching community to work collectively to strengthen the education system in line with the State government’s objectives.

Revanth Reddy said teachers played a crucial role in shaping the future of students and appreciated their dedication and commitment.

He urged them to work with a resolve to make

Telangana a role model for the country in providing quality education within the next two years.

“Let us mould Telangana into a guiding force for the nation’s education system. The good work we are doing deserves to be discussed at the national level,” he said.

The Chief Minister, who also holds the Education portfolio, appealed to teachers to refrain from protests, assuring them that the government was committed to resolving their pending issues.

“There is no need for teachers to take to the streets. I am moving forward with the intention of effectively resolving their issues,” he said.

Revanth Reddy assured teachers that he would take responsibility for addressing their grievances

and urged them not to fall into the trap of opposition parties.

“Give me two years. I will resolve your issues based on financial feasibility. It is not a good sign for the State if teachers take to the streets. If your issues are not resolved in two years, teachers will have the freedom to give marks in the election exam,” he said.

The Chief Minister criticised the previous BRS government, alleging that it had burdened the State with debt of ₹8.50 lakh crore and weakened its financial position.

He said the previous government had raised the retirement age to 60 without adequately providing retirement benefits, leaving retired employees in distress.

“While retired employees were facing a lot of difficulties, the BRS lead-



Workers installing barricades near Secratariat ahead of Monsoon Assembly session in Hyderabad on Saturday. Munsif Bureau

Rajasthan civic polls: Ex-BJP MLA’s ‘no youth will remain bachelor’ remark goes viral

Jaipur, Sept 5

Political activity has intensified in Rajasthan ahead of the municipal body elections, with a video of former BJP MLA Ram Lal Sharma drawing attention on social media over his remarks about the marriage prospects of unmarried youths.

The controversy surfaced after Sharma, while inaugurating the election office of BJP candidate Rajkumar Barala, contesting from Ward 20 of the Chomu Municipal Council, said: “Get Rajkumar Barala elected once, and not a single boy of yours will remain a bachelor.”

The statement has since become a talking point in local political circles.

Addressing party workers and supporters, the former Chomu MLA said that if Barala is elected, there would be no shortage in getting their work done. During his address, he also referred to marriage, saying that none



of the unmarried youths among those present would remain without a marriage.

Sharma’s latest remark is also being linked to an incident from last year, when a 43-year-old unmarried man sought his help in finding a marriage match. Kailash Sharma, a resident of Chitwadi in Chomu, had reportedly written to the former MLA after seeing a statement on social media about helping unmarried men above the age of 40 get married. In his letter, Kailash said he was 43 and still unmarried and appealed to Sharma to help him find a match.

Sharma’s latest remarks are now being viewed in the context of that earlier episode.

Adani Defence, Indo-Russian Rifles sign 5-year ammunition supply pact

New Delhi, Sept 5

Adani Defence & Aerospace has signed a five-year agreement with Indo-Russian Rifles Private Limited (IRRPL), the India-Russia joint venture manufacturing AK-203 assault rifles in India, to supply indigenous 7.62x39 mm small-calibre ammunition for the programme, it was announced on Saturday.

Under the agreement, Adani Defence will supply 7.62x39 mm ammunition for the AK-203 for five years.

The arrangement provides an Indian source for the ammunition required for the programme and supports continuity of supply during the contract period.

The agreement brings together AK-203 rifle production by IRRPL and ammunition production by Adani Defence, creating an integrated supply chain in India.

Keralam CM seeks urgent NH safety audit after Thrissur crash kills eight TN students

Thiruvananthapuram, Sept 5

Keralam Chief Minister V.D. Satheesan on Saturday expressed serious concern over the growing number of accidents and safety hazards on National Highways in the State, particularly on stretches where construction and widening works are underway.

He said he would urgently take up the issue with the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).

Satheesan’s intervention came against the backdrop of a horrific accident on National Highway 66 in Thrissur district, in which eight youths from Tamil Nadu, reported to be engineering students, were killed after their car crashed into a goods lorry parked near a construction diversion.

In a post on X, the Chief Minister said he was “deeply concerned” about increasing accidents and safety issues on National Highways across Kerala, especially on sections undergoing construction.

He said the matter would be raised urgently with the NHAI and appealed to Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari to give high priority to a comprehensive safety review of highway projects in Keralam and initiate immediate corrective measures.

“Public safety must remain paramount,” Satheesan said, signalling that the state government would press for stronger safeguards at highway construction zones.

DGMA launches Seafarer Tracking Module on e-NAVIC portal

Kolkatta, Sept 5

In order to keep track of Indian seafarers on both Indian and foreign-flagged vessels, the Directorate General of Maritime Administration (DGMA) has launched the Seafarer Tracking Module on its e-NAVIC portal.

“In view of the prevailing geopolitical tensions and heightened maritime security threats, merchant shipping and seafarers are facing increased risks in various regions, particularly the Strait of Hormuz, Persian Gulf, Gulf of Oman, Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, Bab-el-Mandeb, Black Sea and Somalia. A significant number of Indian seafarers are serving onboard both Indian-flagged and foreign-flagged vessels operating in or transiting through these regions, thereby exposing them to the associated maritime security risks,” the DGMA has said in a circular dated September 4, 2026.

In view of the above, the DGMA has found it necessary to establish a mechanism for monitoring Indian seafarers operating in these areas, with a view to facilitating timely information, coordination and prompt response in the event of any eventuality. The module is currently operating in its beta version and once updated by the Recruitment and Placement Service Licencees (RPSLs) and shipping companies, it will enable the monitoring of

Iranian oil tanker targeted in US missile attack near Kharg Island

Tehran, Sept 5

An Iranian oil tanker was targeted in a US missile attack about 10 km off Iran’s southern Kharg Island on Saturday morning, country’s semi-official Tasnim news agency reported.

Citing local sources, the report said that four projectiles fired by US forces struck the tanker though the attack caused no casualties and the crew members were evacuating the vessel.

Earlier in the day, Iranian media reported explosions near Kharg Island.

Meanwhile, US President Donald Trump said Friday that the US military may soon strike Iran’s Pickaxe Mountain – a fortified site near Iran’s Natanz enrichment facility – while trying to downplay the conflict with Iran as “small potatoes.”

Jagan accuses Naidu over DSC 2025 recruitment scam, seeks Nara Lokesh’s resignation

Amravati, Sept 5

YSRCP Chief and former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister, YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, on Saturday accused current Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu of “censoring” the questions being raised over the alleged District Selection Committee (DSC) 2025 recruitment scam and other “failures” of the Telugu Desam Party (TDP)-led state government, by blocking social media accounts” and “deleting posts”.

Jagan Mohan Reddy demanded an independent probe by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in the alleged exam irregularities and sought the resignation of state Education Minister Nara Lokesh for the purported scam.

In a post on social media platform, the



YSRCP Chief said: “The DSC 2025 recruitment scam is unravelling day by day, with fresh evidence and facts surfacing from different parts of the state, exposing serious irregularities and raising questions that the N. Chandrababu Naidu-led TDP coalition government must answer. Instead of answering these questions and agreeing to a CBI inquiry to bring out the truth, the TDP coalition government is denying an independent probe and choosing to silence the voices raising these questions.”

Delhi Police get one-day custody of Swatantra Bharadwaj

New Delhi, Sept 5

The Delhi Police on Saturday secured one-day custody of self-styled “influencer” Swatantra Bharadwaj, who is accused of assaulting the father of a minor activist during a protest at Jantar Mantar, after producing him before a judge at the Karkardooma Court complex.

Bhardwaj was produced before the concerned judge on Saturday and sent to one day of police custody.

He was detained in Uttar Pradesh’s Bulandshahr district on Friday, hours after representatives of the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) met senior Delhi Police officials and demanded his immediate arrest.

The development came

amid mounting pressure on the Delhi Police over its handling of the alleged assault and subsequent online threats and harassment of the minor activist.

According to the police, Bharadwaj is accused of assaulting Sanjay Kumar, father of the minor protester, during a CJP-led demonstration at Jantar Mantar in July.

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Nirmal District Collector Bhavesh Mishra inspected the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process at the Bhainsa Tahsildar’s Office. He instructed officials to complete the issuance of notices and all subsequent procedures within the prescribed timeline. He further directed them to provide voters with the necessary information about the SIR process, address their doubts, and extend full cooperation.

Minister JK Rao to Visit Mudhole and Basar on Sunday; Collector Reviews Preparations

Munsif Bureau
Hyderabad, Sept.5

District In-Charge Minister Jupally Krishna Rao will visit the Mudhole-Basar Assembly constituency on Sunday to participate in the inauguration of various development projects.

Ahead of the visit, Nirmal District Collector

Bhavesh Mishra directed officials to complete all arrangements in a well-planned and timely manner. On Saturday, the Collector visited Basar to review the preparations on the ground.

He inspected the arrangements at the Sri Gnana Saraswati Temple and the surrounding areas

along the Godavari River, and obtained details from the concerned officials.

The Collector emphasized that all arrangements should be completed in advance according to the minister’s schedule to ensure that no inconvenience arises during the visit. He instructed officials to

pay special attention to parking, security, traffic management, sanitation, drinking water, electricity, and other essential facilities. He also directed all departments to work in close coordination to ensure the minister’s visit is conducted successfully without any shortcomings in the arrangements.

Collector Inspects SIR Process in Bhainsa

Munsif Bureau
Hyderabad, Sept.5

Nirmal District Collector Bhavesh Mishra inspected the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process at the Bhainsa Tahsildar’s Office.

He instructed officials to complete the issuance of notices and all subsequent procedures within the prescribed timeline. He further directed them to provide voters with the necessary information about the SIR process, address their doubts, and extend full cooperation. During the visit, the Collector interacted directly with several voters, listened to their concerns regarding the SIR process, and clarified their queries. The inspection and review meetings were attended by Bhainsa Sub-Collector Ajmera Sanket Kumar, Irrigation Department Executive Engineer Anil, R&B Executive Engineer Subhash, Horticulture Officer Ramana, Basar Temple Executive Officer Anjana Devi, Tahsildars Pawan Chandra and Shashi Bhushan, along with officials and staff from the concerned departments.

Jamiat Ulema Jangaon Organizes Grand Seerat-un-Nabi (PBUH)

Munsif Bureau
Jangaon, Sept.5 (NSS):

The Seerat-un-Nabi (PBUH) Islamic Quiz 2026, organized by Jamiat Ulema Jangaon, was held in a grand manner on Friday at Jamia Masjid Jangaon. A total of 276 male and female students from different areas participated enthusiastically in the competition. The objective of the quiz was to familiarize the younger generation with the blessed life of Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him), his exemplary character and conduct, his teachings, morals, and Islamic values, while also nurturing a keen interest among students in studying the Seerah (biography) of the Prophet (PBUH).

Naidu Seeks Swift Justice in SC/ST atrocity Cases

Munsif Bureau
Hyderabad, Sept.5

Amaravati, Sept.5 (NSS): Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has directed the officials to expedite the investigation and trial of cases registered under the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, stressing that guilty persons should be punished without delay while preventing misuse of the law.

Chairing a State-level High-Power Committee meeting on SC/ST welfare and implementation of the Act at the Chief Minister’s Camp Office, Naidu ordered a special study into

the comparatively high number of atrocity cases reported in Guntur, Anantapur, East Godavari and Prakasam districts.

He directed the officials to examine the nature and causes of the cases and the time taken for their disposal, besides taking steps for speedy resolution.

The Chief Minister expressed concern over 131 pending district-level meetings and instructed officials to identify grassroots problems faced by SC and ST communities and take corrective measures.

Naidu also called for a comprehensive assessment of the changes in

the socio-economic conditions of SCs and STs since the Justice Punnaiah Commission submitted its report nearly 25 years ago.

Emphasising education, he directed officials to give special attention to SC and ST students and equip them to compete for admission to premier institutions such as IITs and IIMs. He also stressed for skill development among SC/ST youth to improve employment opportunities in India and abroad. For tribal communities in Agency areas, Naidu called for greater income generation through commercial crops such as coffee and forest produce.

Congress stages protest in Kamareddy against Rahul Gandhi case

Munsif Bureau
Hyderabad, Sept.5

Congress workers in Kamareddy staged a protest against the cases registered against Congress

leader Rahul Gandhi. The protest march began from the Sagar Chowrasta and proceeded to the Municipal Office, where Congress workers raised slogans against the government and held a sit-in demonstration in front of the office.

On this occasion, Mohammad Ali Shabbir, Adviser to the Telangana Government, participated as the chief guest. Addressing the gathering, he said that discrimination and hatred have no place in the country.



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Revanth accuses BJP of ‘vote theft conspiracy’ through SIR

NSS
Kodangal, Sept.5 (NSS):

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Saturday accused the Bharatiya Janata Party-led Union government of conspiring to steal votes in non-BJP-ruled states through the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls.

Addressing a meeting of local Congress leaders and workers in the Kodangal Assembly constituency, Revanth Reddy alleged that the BJP was attempting to win the next Assembly elections in Telangana

by getting the votes of Congress supporters deleted from the electoral rolls.

“BJP won the Maharashtra, Bihar and West Bengal elections by removing votes and is now adopting the same deceitful tactic in Telangana,” he alleged.

The Chief Minister accused the BJP of targeting SC, ST and minority voters during the SIR exercise and asserted that the Congress would not remain a silent spectator to any attempt to delete the names of its supporters.

“The Congress party is ready to counter any such

move. Our workers will not tolerate attempts to delete genuine votes,” he said.

Revanth Reddy alleged that the BJP had previously used central agencies such as the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to target political opponents during elections and was now resorting to the deletion of votes.

He strongly objected to the deletion of voters’ names on the pretext of minor errors and alleged that the BRS was also supporting the BJP in the alleged exercise to weaken

the Congress.

The Chief Minister said protecting the right to vote was the responsibility of every Congress leader and worker. He directed senior leaders to take personal responsibility for safeguarding voters’ rights and asked Booth Level Agents (BLAs) to coordinate at the village level to ensure that the votes of poor and vulnerable sections were not deleted.

He also held mandal-level leaders responsible for monitoring the electoral roll revision and preventing indiscriminate deletion of voters’ names.

DSP's Masterstroke against Gutkha Racket in Degloor; Illegal Goods Worth 7.58 Lakh Seized

Munsif Bureau
Hyderabad, Sept.5

In a major crackdown on the illegal trade of prohibited gutkha, pan masala, scented tobacco, and other banned products, Probationary DSP Vaibhav Padore led a successful operation, resulting in the arrest of the accused red-handed.

According to the police, four accused were taken into custody during the operation. A Swift car, an auto-rickshaw, and a large stock of banned gutkha, pan masala, and tobacco products worth ₹7,58,600 were seized.

The action has created panic among those in-

volved in illegal trade.

The raid was carried out by the D.B. Police under the supervision of Sub-Divisional Police Officer Kiran Popadghat, following the directions of District Superintendent of Police Dr. Neelabh Rohan (IPS).

Late last night, Probationary DSP Vaibhav Padore, Senior Police Inspector Surya Mohan Bolamwar, Sub-Inspector Kiran Bimbade, Jamadar Ghode, Sheikh Imran, and Chawalwad, along with their team, intercepted the accused while they were transporting the banned goods in a Swift car and an auto-rickshaw.

According to DSP Padore, acting on confidential information, the police raided an open plot behind the house of Mohammed Zakir on Narangal Road, where they seized the vehicles loaded with prohibited goods.

The police identified the accused as: Syed Masihuddin alias Bablu, son of Syed Riyazuddin, aged 25, resident of Gumbad Base, Degloor, whose Swift car was seized.

Sheikh Salman, son of Sheikh Jani, who was transporting the banned goods in an auto-rickshaw.

Hanmant Vitthal

Thadke, resident of Rohidas Chowk, Degloor.

Ashok Laxman Kondwade, resident of Line Galli, Degloor.

The police also raided Narendra Milk Dairy Shop and recovered bags filled with prohibited gutkha, pan masala, and other banned products.

Overall, banned goods worth ₹7,58,600 were seized, and all four accused were arrested on the spot.

A case has been registered at Degloor Police Station under FIR No. 413/2026 under various sections of the law. Further investigation is being conducted by Sub-Inspector Bhagwan More.



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KTR asks Rahul to hear ‘real Goonj’ of Telangana students

NSS
Karimnagar, Sept.5

BRS working president K. T. Rama Rao launched a sharp attack on Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, accusing them of betraying Telangana’s youth and students by failing to fulfil their electoral promises. Targeting Rahul Gandhi’s “Chhatron Ki Goonj” campaign, KTR said the Congress leader should come to Telangana and listen to the actual concerns of Telangana’s students.

“Rahul Gandhi is changing colours from state to state. You are talking about ‘Chhatron Ki Goonj’ across

India. I demand that you come to Telangana and listen to the problems of our students. You will hear the real Goonj of students here. Come to Telangana and listen to the voice of Telangana’s students,” KTR said. Addressing the students and youth meeting at Ambedkar Stadium in Karimnagar on Saturday, KT Rama Rao questioned Rahul Gandhi over his promise to provide two lakh jobs every year in Telangana and alleged that the Congress leadership disappeared after securing votes. “If you do not come, we will come to Delhi,” he warned. Referring to youth protests in Delhi, the BRS working president said the

Centre had been forced to take note when young people came onto the streets. “The youth who made even Modi tremble have nothing to fear from this Kedi,” he remarked. KT Rama Rao challenged Revanth Reddy to stop making excuses and face the youth of Telangana and the BRS in the Assembly with answers on every unfulfilled promise. KTR questioned the status of the job calendar, Youth Commission, unemployment allowance, youth loans, fee reimbursement and promised reservations for local youth in private-sector employment. He alleged that there was no job calendar in Telangana, but a scam calendar. (NSS)

Permanent Solution Planned to Prevent Sewage from Entering Durgam Cheruvu

Hyderabad: Senior officials of the Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB) and the Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) have decided to implement a permanent solution to completely prevent sewage from entering Durgam Cheruvu. As part of this initiative, HMWSSB Joint Managing Director Mayank Mittal, Kukatpally Zonal Commissioner Mayank Singh, Cyberabad Region Executive Director Mandala Santosh, and other senior officials conducted a joint inspection of Durgam Cheruvu on Saturday.



State Minister Dr. Vijay Singh urged the teaching community to do justice to their profession by giving special attention to students studying in these schools and by playing an important role in promoting quality education. He said that since these schools are attended mostly by children from poor and middle-class families, teachers should pay particular attention to their education.

Uttam directs officials to ensure smooth Kharif paddy procurement

NSS
Hyderabad, Sept.5

Minister for Irrigation and Civil Supplies N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Saturday directed officials to make foolproof arrangements for Telangana’s ₹18,250-crore Kharif paddy procurement operation, ensuring that farmers do not face delays at purchase centres or difficulties in receiving payments.

Reviewing the Vanakalam (Kharif) procurement arrangements with Additional Collectors, District Civil Supplies

Officers, District Managers of the Telangana State Civil Supplies Corporation Limited (TGSCSCL) and other officials from across the State, Uttam Kumar Reddy said the government was preparing to procure 65 lakh metric tonnes (LMT) of paddy during the 2026-27 Kharif marketing season.

A total of 8,283 Paddy Purchase Centres (PPCs) would be established across the State, including 3,180 IKP centres, 4,372 PACS centres and 731 other centres.

The Minister directed

officials to ensure that all the centres are opened by October 1, ahead of the commencement of procurement on October 15.

The Centre has fixed the Minimum Support Price (MSP) at ₹2,461 per quintal for Grade-A paddy and ₹2,441 for common paddy. In addition, the Telangana government will provide a ₹500-per-quintal bonus for seven preferred varieties — BPT-5204, RNR-15048, KNM-1638, Jaisriram, HMT-Sona, WGL-44 and KNM-7715.

Uttam Kumar Reddy said the selection of the

seven varieties was based on a detailed assessment of domestic and international markets and was aimed at promoting varieties capable of fetching better prices.

The ultimate objective, he said, was to ensure remunerative prices for farmers, whether through government procurement or the open market.

The Minister also called for a long-term strategy to develop an export market for Telangana rice.

“We should gradually encourage exports and create a sustainable export market for Telangana rice,” he said.

Azharuddin asks minority welfare officials to work in coordination

NSS
Hyderabad, Sept.5

Minister for Minorities Welfare and Public Enterprises Mohammed Azharuddin has directed officials and chairpersons of various minority welfare bodies to work in close co-ordination and ensure that the government’s welfare initiatives are effectively implemented and duly highlighted.

The Minister asked officials to identify pending issues and address them one

by one to ensure smooth functioning of the departments and organisations under his portfolio.

Azharuddin held a review meeting with chairpersons of various wings under the Minorities Welfare department and senior departmental officials at his chamber in the Dr B.R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat here on Saturday.

Government Advisor Mohammed Ali Shabbir, Principal Secretary (Minorities Welfare)

Ahmed Nadeem, Secretary (Minorities Welfare) B. Shafiullah, TGMREIS president Faheem Qureshi, Haj Committee Chairman Ghulam Afzal Biyabani, Urdu Academy Chairman Taher Bin Hamdan, Minority Finance Corporation Chairman Ubaidullah Kotwal, Christian Minority Finance Corporation Chairman Deepak John and other officials attended the meeting. Speaking at the meeting, Azharuddin said he had been promptly clearing

files that came to him and urged officials to expedite their work and uphold the spirit of welfare.

He stressed the need for better coordination among the chairpersons and officials and asked them to ensure that there was no scope for criticism of the government on account of delays or lapses in the implementation of welfare programmes.

Faheem Qureshi said the Congress government was sincerely working for the welfare of minorities and

there should be no scope for criticism from the Opposition.

He asked Waqf Board officials to keep all necessary data ready to highlight the government’s initiatives and achievements.

Government Advisor Mohammed Ali Shabbir suggested that contentious issues, including those relating to graveyards, be placed on the agenda of the Collectors’ Conference so that they could be resolved in a timely manner.



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Cyberabad she teams nab 19 in decoy operations, rescue four trafficking victims

NSS
Hyderabad, Sept.5

Cyberabad SHE Teams conducted 97 decoy operations during the week from August 29 to September 4 and caught 19 persons red-handed for allegedly indulging in indecent acts at public places. Nineteen petty cases were booked and counselling was provided.

The teams also received 20 complaints from women, registering four petty cases and counselling the remain-

ing persons. Meanwhile, the Cyberabad Anti-Human Trafficking Unit (AHTU) rescued four victims and apprehended five accused in two PITA cases. Family Counselling Centres and CDEW Centres also helped reunite 30 families involved in marital disputes.

As part of its awareness initiatives, SHE Teams and AHTU conducted programmes reaching 3,235 people, covering human and child trafficking, eve-teasing, cyber harassment and

fraud, stalking, child marriage, child labour, cyberbullying and other safety concerns.

Cyberabad SHE Teams, in association with the Society for Cyberabad Security Council (SCSC) and Cybage Data, conducted a Women’s awareness and self-defence bootcamp for Cybage Data employees on September 1.

The programme covered women’s safety, legal rights, digital security, emergency response and reporting mechanisms. SCSC

Director Rashmi highlighted digital safety and community-police partnerships, while SHE Teams Inspector Y. Hanuman Goud and SI Ambika explained legal rights and emergency assistance. A practical self-defence session was conducted by Dr. Ravi Master and his team, equipping participants with techniques to respond to real-life situations. The organisers reaffirmed their commitment to promoting women’s safety and empowerment. (NSS)

TPCC chief says no immediate cabinet Expansion

NSS
Hyderabad, Sept.5

Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) president B Mahesh Kumar Goud has indicated that there may be no immediate expansion of the State Cabinet, stating that the decision rests entirely with Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy.

Speaking during an informal interaction with the media here on Saturday, Goud said no discussions on cabinet expansion took place

during the recent Delhi meetings.

He said the discussions were focused on issues concerning former minister Konda Surekha and former minister G Chinna Reddy.

Goud said he had made strenuous efforts to protect Konda Surekha, and added that there was no communication from the Congress high command regarding cabinet expansion.

Responding to spec-

ulation that he could be inducted into the Cabinet, Goud said such reports were merely rumours.

He also praised Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for implementing Congress leader Rahul Gandhi’s vision and conducting the caste survey scientifically. He announced plans to organise a nationwide “BC Rights Roar” (BC Hakkula Garjana) campaign over the next 100 days to mobilise support for BC rights. (NSS)

Harish flays Congress over power cuts, says farmers getting less than 10 hours

NSS
Hyderabad, Sept.5

Former minister and BRS deputy floor leader T. Harish Rao on Saturday conducted a surprise inspection of the Gambhirpur electricity sub-station in Dubbak mandal after farmers complained to MLA Kotha Prabhakar Reddy and Harish Rao that inadequate power supply was causing their paddy fields to dry up.

After inspecting the sub-station logbook, Harish Rao strongly criticised the Congress government over the power cuts and accused Chief Minister Revanth Reddy of making empty

claims about power supply. Speaking to the media, Harish Rao said the sub-station logbook itself exposed the Congress government’s failure.

“According to the logbook, on September 3, power was supplied from 8 AM and switched off at 6 PM. On September 4, power came at 7:45 AM and was switched off at 6 PM.

This means farmers are not even getting 10 hours of power. These are not my allegations this is what the sub-station’s own logbook records,” he said.

Harish Rao said the Congress government had

failed to fulfil its election promise of providing 24-hour free electricity to farmers.

“Revanth Reddy promised 24-hour free power before the elections. Today, his government is unable to provide even half of what KCR provided to farmers,” he said.

He challenged Congress leaders who had earlier inspected sub-stations and questioned power supply during the BRS government to now explain the situation under their own government.

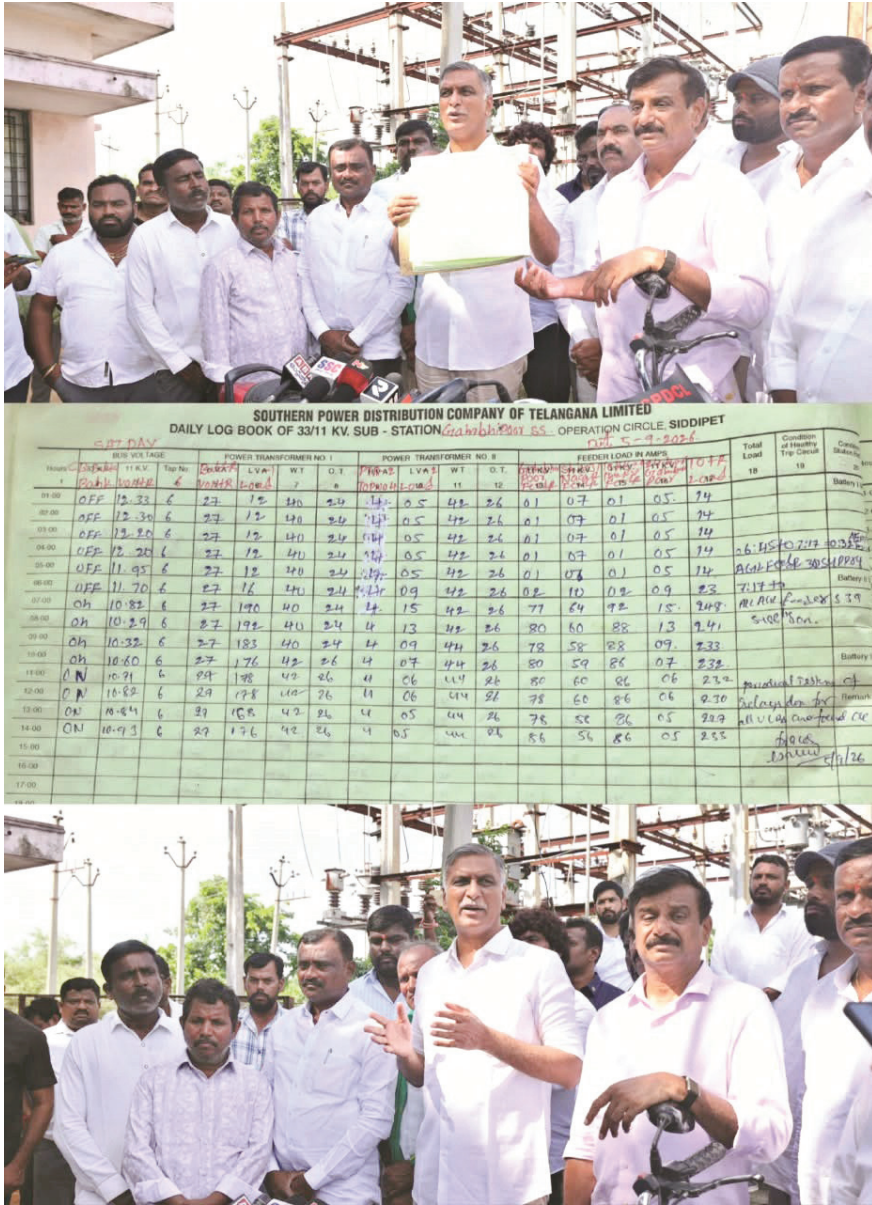
“Those who once went to sub-stations and demanded to see the logbooks should now visit the sub-stations

and answer farmers. I am ready to meet them anywhere, including Nalgonda,” Harish Rao said.

He also questioned Chief Minister Revanth Reddy’s claim that he works 18 hours a day.

“If the Chief Minister is really working 18 hours a day, why are farmers getting electricity for barely 10 hours? He must answer the farmers of Telangana,” Harish Rao said.

He alleged that the government had failed farmers on multiple fronts, including farm loan waivers, Rythu Bima, electricity supply and urea availability. (NSS)



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“22-A has become a tool for land extortion”: Maheshwar Reddy

NSS
Hyderabad, Sept.5 (NSS):

BJP Legislature Party leader Alleti Maheshwar Reddy on Saturday launched a scathing attack on the Congress government, alleging that the Section 22-A prohibited lands system had become a tool for harassment and extortion of property owners across Telangana.

Addressing the BJP’s

“Maha Deeksha” at Dharna Chowk, Maheshwar Reddy alleged that the government had merely renamed the previous Dharani system as Bhu Bharathi without resolving the problems faced by farmers and property owners.

He claimed that large tracts of land had been brought under the 22-A prohibited list, affecting residential properties, agricultural lands and

approved layouts. He alleged that genuine property owners were being prevented from selling their lands or accessing loans.

Maheshwar Reddy demanded an immediate forensic audit of the Revenue department’s portal, including details of officials who added or removed properties from the 22-A list. He also sought a White Paper on the

entire process.

The BJP leader further demanded a CBI inquiry into alleged land irregularities, besides investigations into corruption allegations relating to previous and present governments.

He accused the Congress government of suppressing democratic protests and said the BJP would continue its campaign until lands al-

legedly placed under 22-A restrictions without valid justification were restored to their owners.

Maheshwar Reddy concluded his deeksha by accepting lemon juice from a farmer whom the BJP identified as a victim of the 22-A restrictions, and assured the affected people that the party would continue to fight on their behalf. (NSS)



At a Glance

Rahul Gandhi Speaks to Punjab Custodial Torture Victim

IANSS Chandigarh, Sep. 05



Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Saturday spoke with Mohanjit Singh, who has alleged torture in Punjab Police custody, including electric shocks and being forced to consume drugs. Punjab Congress chief Amarinder Singh Raja Warring said Gandhi praised Singh’s courage and asked the state unit to ensure justice. Warring demanded the dismissal of the SHO and DSP concerned, rejecting the police inquiry. Congress workers will show black flags during Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann’s visits to protest the alleged custodial brutality.

Seized Rabies Vaccine Vials Fail Potency Test; Counterfeit Probe Underway

Drug regulator flags vials labelled ‘Abhayrab’ as substandard; manufacturer says seized product was not made by company

Munsif Bureau New Delhi, Sep 5:

Indian drug regulators are investigating suspected counterfeit rabies vaccine vials after samples carrying the label of the widely used Abhayrab vaccine failed a key potency test and were declared “Not of Standard Quality”.

The vials, bearing batch number KE25012, were seized from an unlicensed premises in Delhi. Tests conducted by the Central Drugs Laboratory in Kasauli found that the field sample did not meet the required potency standard, although it passed tests relating to sterility, identity and moisture.

The investigation has taken a more serious turn after Indian Immunologicals Limited (IIL), which manufactures Abhayrab, said that the seized vials were not manufactured by the company. According to the company, discrepancies were detected in



the product’s labelling, artwork, cap colour, licence information and QR-code verification when compared with genuine material.

Regulators are consequently examining whether the seized material qualifies as a spurious or counterfeit drug under Indian law. Four persons have been arrested in connection with the case, while state

regulators have been asked to remain alert for the batch in the distribution chain.

The available government document does not establish that genuine Abhayrab supplied through authorised channels is defective, nor does it specify how many suspect vials may have entered circulation or whether any were administered to patients. IIL has said its authorised vaccine supplies

remain unaffected.

The issue carries particular public-health significance because rabies is endemic in India and post-exposure vaccination after an animal bite can be lifesaving. The government’s National Rabies Control Programme advises people exposed to animal bites to seek appropriate post-exposure treatment through recognised health facilities.

Odisha CM Asks Students to Prioritise Studies, Stay away from Social Media Distractions

IANSS Bhubaneswar, Sep. 05

Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi on Saturday urged students to focus on their studies, develop skills and avoid wasting valuable time on social media or falling prey to misinformation.

Addressing the state-level Teachers’ Day celebrations at the Secondary Board High School in Cuttack, Majhi interacted with students and advised them to remain focused on building their careers and avoid activities that could hamper their future prospects.

“As students, your foremost duty is to study diligently, acquire skills, and contribute to both personal and national development,” the Chief Minister said, urging students to stay away from distractions that could obstruct their careers.

Majhi highlighted the importance of a strong and friendly relationship between teachers and students. He said education was not merely about imparting knowledge but also played a crucial role in building human character, with teachers carrying a major responsibility in shaping young minds.



Paying tribute to former President Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan on his birth anniversary, Majhi said the guru-shishya tradition held a special place in Indian culture. Citing examples from Lord Rama and Lord Krishna to Chandragupta Maurya and Swami Vivekananda, he said teachers had played a decisive role in shaping the lives of several prominent personalities.

He also recalled former President and scientist Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, saying that despite holding the country’s highest constitutional office, Kalam took immense pride in identifying himself as a teacher.

Highlighting the government’s ‘KG to PG’ free education scheme, Majhi said Odisha had become the first state in India to make education universally free from

Shishu Vatika to the postgraduate level. He said 2,200 ‘Godabarish Mishra Adarsha Primary Schools’ were being constructed at a cost of Rs 12,000 crore, while 45,000 Shishu Vatika centres had been opened for pre-school children.

The Chief Minister reiterated the government’s plans to provide mid-day meals to students of Classes IX and X, supply textbooks, implement the ‘Shaheed Madho Singh Haath Kharcha Yojana’ for tribal students and fill 45,000 teacher posts over the next three years.

Majhi called for collective efforts by teachers, students, alumni and the public to build a strong, prosperous and self-reliant Odisha. He also felicitated distinguished teachers for their dedicated service and contribution to education.

Operation Sindoor Effect: Pakistan Shifts Towards Covert, Deniable Terror Strategy

IANSS New Delhi, Sep. 05

Pakistan has recalibrated its terror strategy against India following Operation Sindoor, with its handlers allegedly shifting towards methods designed to conceal links to Pakistan, according to officials cited in the report.

Officials said Pakistan-based handlers earlier operated from Islamabad, Karachi and Rawalpindi but are now allegedly using networks linked to Al-Qaeda and Islamic State, with handlers based in countries such as Syria and Iraq. The strategy, they said, is intended to make it harder for Indian agencies to trace attacks back to Pakistan.

Another reported shift is towards encouraging lone-wolf attacks, which



require less funding and organised infrastructure and can provide greater deniability. Handlers allegedly identify potential recruits through social media before recruitment and radicalisation.

Officials said Pakistan was keen to avoid another operation like Sindoor, while international scrutiny,

including earlier pressure from the Financial Action Task Force, had also influenced its approach. India has stated that Operation Sindoor was launched after the April 22, 2025, Pahalgam attack and targeted terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

CJ Surya Kant Calls For Healthy Disagreement At BRICS Judges' Forum

IANSS New Delhi, Sep. 05

Chief Justice of India Justice Surya Kant on Saturday called for a culture of healthy disagreement and deliberation among judicial institutions, stressing that timely and predictable justice is essential to strengthening the rule of law.

Addressing judicial leaders at the second day of the BRICS Chief Justices’ Forum in New Delhi, Justice Kant compared BRICS with the ancient Nalanda University, which welcomed scholars from across the world without requiring them to agree on a common legal or philosophical system. He said BRICS should similarly become a “living Nalanda University” that provides space for dialogue and exchange.

The three-day forum, hosted by the Supreme Court from September 4



to 6, brings together judicial leaders from BRICS member and partner countries. Discussions have focused on mediation and international commercial disputes, cross-border enforcement of arbitral awards, artificial intelligence in the judiciary, and judicial leadership and sustainable development.

Judicial leaders from Brazil, China, Egypt,

Ethiopia, Indonesia, Iran, Russia, South Africa and the UAE, along with partner countries, addressed the forum. They discussed judicial cooperation, international law, commercial disputes, AI, human rights, environmental governance and sustainable development.

On Friday, Justice Kant held bilateral meetings with judicial leaders

from several countries and discussed possible MoUs on judicial cooperation, mutual recognition of judicial awards and decrees, exchange of legal best practices, commercial courts and the use of AI in justice delivery. He also proposed a common platform for arbitration and mediation to resolve international commercial disputes.

Delhi CM Honours 118 Teachers

IANSS New Delhi, Sep. 05

Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Saturday honoured 118 teachers for their contribution to education at the ‘Shikshak Mahakumbh - State Teachers Awards 2026’ at Thyagaraj Stadium.

Gupta said teachers shape not only students but entire generations by imparting values, skills and confidence. She said the Delhi government had allocated Rs 19,148 crore for education in 2026-27 and was preparing schools for the future through technology and smart teaching resources.

The CM said 170 modern language labs were being established in government schools, including 70 CM Shri Schools and 100 other schools. Initiatives such as Neev, Rashtraneti and NIPUN Sankalp are also being implemented to promote entrepreneurship, innovation, democratic values and foundational learning.

Rajasthan Civic Polls: 77 Councillors Elected Unopposed, Including 44 BJP, 16 Congress

IANSS Jaipur, Sep. 05

As many as 77 candidates have been elected unopposed to councillor seats in Rajasthan’s urban local body elections following the completion of the nomination withdrawal process.

According to the latest Election Commission report, the BJP secured the highest number of unopposed victories, with 44 candidates elected without a contest. Chittorgarh



recorded the highest number of BJP wins at six, followed by Alwar and Jodhpur with four each. Bikaner, Deeg and Jalore reported three BJP candidates each elected

unopposed.

The Congress secured 16 unopposed victories, including three in Sikar and two in Jaipur. One Congress candidate each was elected unopposed in several districts,

including Sawai Madhopur, Rajsamand, Nagaur, Kota, Jhunjhunu, Jhalawar, Jaisalmer, Ganganagar, Dholpur, Dausa and Bundi.

Besides the two major parties, 17 independent candidates also secured councillor seats unopposed.

The respective Returning Officers issued certificates of election to all 77 candidates after no rival remained in the fray. The remaining seats will be decided through polling among candidates who continue to contest.

V-P Radhakrishnan to visit Assam tomorrow

IANSS Guwahati, Sep. 05

Vice-President C.P. Radhakrishnan will begin a two-day Assam visit on Sunday. He will attend Geetanagar College’s golden jubilee, a university convocation and a civic reception in Guwahati. He is also scheduled to visit Kamakhya Temple and lay foundation stones for development projects before leaving for Meghalaya.

Iqra Hasan CoRNdemns Saharanpur Mosque Demolition

IANSS Shamli, Sep. 05

Samajwadi Party MP Iqra Hasan on Saturday condemned the demolition of a mosque at the Saharanpur Collectorate, calling the action “shameful” and alleging that authorities ignored legal provisions. The Kairana MP claimed the structure was built before 1947 and questioned why the Places of Worship Act and the concept of “Waqf by User” were not consid-



ered. Hasan alleged that police prevented her from travelling to Saharanpur by deploying a large force outside her residence. She said she had informed SP chief Akhilesh Yadav and

that the party’s legal team was exploring legal remedies.

Questioning the haste, Hasan said the demolition was carried out within a night of the court judgment without giving sufficient time to challenge it. She also claimed the verdict did not adequately address the mosque or the applicability of the Places of Worship Act. “If the government is going to take action like this, then lock up the courts of the country,” she said.



At a Glance

It's small Potatoes for Us

IAN S
Washington, Sep. 05

President Donald Trump has described the US confrontation with Iran as an intermittent “military conflict”, saying it was “small potatoes” for Washington and not a full-scale war.

Trump said 18 US service members had been killed but argued the confrontation was unlike longer US wars in Vietnam and Afghanistan. He claimed American forces had prevented Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon and controlled the Strait of Hormuz.

Trump also warned that the US could strike Iran’s “Pickaxe” site if it detected renewed activity. He claimed US forces had destroyed Iranian radar, aircraft and other equipment protecting the waterway and cleared mines from the strait.

He said China had little involvement after he urged President Xi Jinping not to intervene.

Bangladesh Reports Over 15,000 Missing Children in Seven Months

IAN S
DHAKA, Sep. 05

A total of 15,717 children were reported missing across Bangladesh between January and July 2026, according to Police Headquarters data. Of them, 13,679 were subsequently rescued or returned to their families, while 2,038 remained untraced, raising concerns over child safety and the effectiveness of response mechanisms.

According to police data, 474 cases involved children aged up to nine years. Of these, 406 were rescued or reunited with their families, while 68 remained untraced. Among children aged between 10 and 17, as many as 15,243 were reported missing. Police said 13,273 of them were rescued or returned, while 1,970 remained untraced.

The figures have drawn attention from the International Society for Human Rights (ISHR), which called for stronger and faster action in cases involving missing children. The organisation



stressed that the first few hours after a child disappears are crucial for locating and rescuing them.

ISHR warned that missing children could face risks linked to trafficking, kidnapping, exploitation and other criminal activities. It also said family disputes and personal conflicts could contribute to children going missing.

Police said the reasons for disappearances vary according to age. Younger children are more likely to become separated from their families or lose their way, while older children may leave home because

of family disputes, academic pressure, personal conflicts or peer influence.

Authorities also pointed to changes in the reporting system. Police said the introduction of online General Diary services has made it easier for families to report missing-person cases and may have contributed to an increase in the number of cases recorded officially.

Police Headquarters said around 13 per cent of the 15,717 reported cases remained unresolved at the latest stage of verification. It stressed that the figures should be assessed

alongside the number of children who were subsequently rescued or reunited with their families.

The data has renewed calls for coordinated efforts involving law-enforcement agencies, government institutions, schools, families and civil society organisations to strengthen child-protection mechanisms. Greater awareness, faster reporting and prompt investigations have been highlighted as important measures to improve the chances of locating missing children and preventing exploitation.

US Strikes three Iranian Oil Tankers after IRGC Missile Attacks

IAN S
WASHINGTON, Sep. 05

US forces struck three Iranian crude oil tankers on Saturday after Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) launched ballistic missiles towards two US Navy warships, marking a fresh escalation in the confrontation between Washington and Tehran, the US military said.

US Central Command (CENTCOM) said an American aircraft carrier and a guided-missile destroyer successfully evaded multiple Iranian attacks, with no US personnel injured. CENTCOM described the Iranian missile launches as unprovoked.

The US military said it struck three vessels it identified as IRGC-linked crude oil carriers. The M/T Downy was “permanently disabled” off the coast of Kharg Island, a major hub for Iranian oil exports, while the M/T Stark 1 was disabled near Jask.

A third vessel, the M/T Kyo, also known as Noxen, was destroyed in the Gulf of Oman.



CENTCOM said the vessel was not carrying oil when it was hit and that its crew had been ordered to abandon ship. The vessel was struck at multiple critical points to render it inoperable, the command said.

CENTCOM described the three vessels as part of what it called a multibillion-dollar shadow network allegedly used to finance the IRGC and its regional proxies.

“The three Iranian crude oil tankers are part of a multibillion-dollar shadow network that funds the IRGC and its regional proxies,” CENTCOM said.

CENTCOM Commander Admiral Brad Cooper directly linked the strikes to the attacks on the US warships. He said Washington

would impose an “even higher economic cost” if Iranian forces attacked American vessels.

“We will not hesitate to defend American forces and, if necessary, destroy Iran’s limited and exposed oil fleet,” Cooper said.

The latest strikes extend the military confrontation into Iran’s oil-shipping infrastructure. The Gulf of Oman and surrounding waters are strategically important routes connecting oil-producing Gulf states with international markets.

The strikes come amid heightened tensions between the US and Iran. US President Donald Trump on Friday described the hostilities as an intermittent “military conflict” rather than a full-scale war.

Luxembourg Deputy PM Xavier Bettel to Visit India, Meet Jaishankar

IAN S
New Delhi, Sep. 05

Luxembourg Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Xavier Bettel will visit India from September 7 to 9, the Ministry of External Affairs said on Saturday.

Bettel will arrive in New Delhi on Monday and hold talks with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar at Hyderabad House. He will travel to Chennai

on Tuesday and visit the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras campus.

The visit follows Jaishankar’s official trip to Luxembourg in January, when Bettel highlighted the importance of strengthening bilateral ties and praised the contribution of the Indian community to Luxembourg’s technical, digital and financial sectors.

During their January meeting, Bettel said rela-



tions between India and Luxembourg had a long history and noted that the Indian community played an important role in the country’s development. He also pointed to growing cooperation in tech-

nology, digital services, finance and space.

Bettel expressed confidence that his discussions with Jaishankar would further deepen bilateral relations. He also highlighted the

scale of diplomatic engagement between the two countries, noting the substantial staffing at Luxembourg’s embassy in New Delhi.

India and Luxembourg have maintained diplomatic relations since 1948, with cooperation expanding across economic, technological and other sectors. The upcoming visit is expected to provide an opportunity to review bilateral ties and explore avenues for further cooperation.

26 Killed in two Separate Attacks in Sudan's South Kordofan

IAN S
Khartoum, Sep. 05

At least 26 people were killed and dozens injured in two separate attacks in Sudan’s South Kordofan State, according to multiple sources.

The Sudan Doctors Network said more than 21 people, including women and children, were killed and others injured on Thursday in attacks by forces of the Sudan People’s Liberation Movement-North (SPLM-N) on Debi and Luwairi, south and west of Kauda.

In a separate incident early

Friday, artillery shelling by SPLM-N forces hit residential areas in Dilling, killing five people, including a child, and injuring more than seven, the network said.

A medical source at a rural hospital in Debi told Xinhua that more than 20 bodies and 11 injured people had reached the facility, while civilians were fleeing the area amid fears of worsening humanitarian conditions.

The Sudan Doctors Network condemned the attacks on Debi and Luwairi as a violation of a ceasefire agreement reached in

late August and accused SPLM-N of targeting civilians. The group has not publicly responded to the allegations.

SPLM-N controls parts of South Kordofan and Blue Nile State. The Kordofan region has witnessed fighting between the Sudanese Armed Forces and forces aligned with the Rapid Support Forces and SPLM-N since Sudan’s wider conflict began in April 2023. The war has killed thousands and displaced millions within Sudan and across its borders.

AU Welcomes UN move to Promote Maps Showing Africa's True Size

IAN S
Addis Ababa, Sep. 05

The Chairperson of the African Union (AU) Commission, Mahmoud Ali Youssouf, has welcomed the United Nations General Assembly resolution that encourages the use of the Equal Earth cartographic projection in maps worldwide to replace the Mercator projection widely used so far which distorts the sizes of continental landmasses.

In a statement issued on Friday, Youssouf commended the leadership of the Republic of Togo, which championed this initiative on behalf of Africa and helped mobilise broad support within the international community. He also congratulated members of the AU for their unity and collective mobilisation in support of this initiative, Xinhua News Agency reported.

The AU said the adoption of this resolution

marks an important step forward. Designed in the 16th century primarily for navigation, the Mercator projection does not accurately reflect the relative surface areas of different regions of the world and significantly understates the true size of the African continent.

Beyond cartography, this initiative underscores the importance of representing Africa on the basis of objective and scientifically established realities. In this regard, the chairperson encourages international institutions, educational systems, publishers and digital platforms to progressively promote the use of cartographic representations that more accurately reflect actual land areas, according to the statement.

The AU Commission will continue to work with Togo, member states and relevant partners to support efforts towards

the implementation of this initiative. Africa must be represented as it truly is, in its true dimensions and in its rightful place in the world, the statement added.

The United Nations General Assembly voted on Friday to adopt a non-binding resolution that encourages the use of the Equal Earth cartographic projection in maps worldwide to replace the Mercator projection.

The ‘Correct the Map’ resolution, aimed at rebalancing global cartographic representation and promoting equitable representation of the world’s regions, particularly Africa, was adopted with 164 votes in favour, 1 against, and 6 abstentions.

It recognises that the Mercator projection, widely used around the world, distorts continental masses located far from the equator, resulting in a proportional shrinkage of Africa and other regions.

US Lawmaker Presses Trump over Venezuela Oil Deal Profits

IAN S
Washington, Sep. 05

Indian American Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi has urged President Donald Trump to disclose whether he, his family, political allies or major donors could financially benefit from the US administration’s Venezuela oil agreement before substantial taxpayer resources are committed.

Krishnamoorthi, a Democrat from Illinois and senior member of the House Oversight and Government Reform and House Intelligence committees, raised the issue in a letter to Trump and sought answers by September 14.

Trump announced the agreement on August 28, saying it would give the US “majority US control” of more than 65 billion barrels of proven Venezuelan oil reserves, according to Krishnamoorthi’s office.

The Congressman said the White House described the deal as including a 35 per cent US stake in the corporate parent of North American Blue Energy Partners (NABEP), besides preferential rights to purchase some of its oil output.

Krishnamoorthi cited concerns over Venezuelan businessman Alejandro Betancourt, who leads NABEP, and oil businessman Harry Sargeant III, described as a Republican donor with longstanding Trump connections.

He asked Trump to disclose financial interests held by the President, his family, officials, donors or business associates in entities involved in the deal.

He also sought details of taxpayer-backed financing, guarantees and insurance, and asked what ethics reviews and conflict-of-interest safeguards had been undertaken.

North Korea Likely to Send Vice Minister to UN General Assembly this Month

IAN S
Seoul, Sep. 05

North Korea is expected to send a Vice Minister-level official to the upcoming UN General Assembly in New York, with Kim Son-gyong, Vice Foreign Minister in charge of international organisations, likely to represent Pyongyang and deliver a speech, diplomatic sources said Saturday.

According to the list of speakers updated by the UN Secretariat, a North Korean Vice Minister-level official is scheduled to speak at the UN headquarters on September 28, the final day of the high-level segment of the 81st UN General Assembly. The general debate is scheduled for September 22-26 and September 28, Yonhap News Agency reported.

North Korea has several Vice Foreign Ministers, but diplomatic sources believe Kim Son-gyong is the most likely official to attend, as he did last year. In 2025,



Kim led a North Korean delegation to the General Assembly, marking the country’s return of a high-level official to the event after a seven-year gap.

From 2019 to 2024, Pyongyang did not send a senior official to the General Assembly following the failed 2019 Hanoi summit between then-US President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong-un. During that period, Kim Song, North Korea’s ambassador to the UN, delivered the country’s General Assembly speeches.

This year’s North Korean message is expected to draw particular attention amid Trump’s stated

willingness to meet Kim Jong-un. Questions remain over whether Washington will continue to prioritise North Korea’s denuclearisation or consider goals such as reducing tensions.

Meanwhile, the White House has said its policy toward North Korea remains unchanged while reaffirming Trump’s openness to dialogue with Kim Jong-un without preconditions. A White House official said Tuesday that Trump remains willing to hold talks with the North Korean leader, responding to questions about preparations for a possible summit and Washington’s approach to Pyongyang’s nuclear programme.

Building a Livable Hyderabad: Infrastructure Alone Is Not Enough

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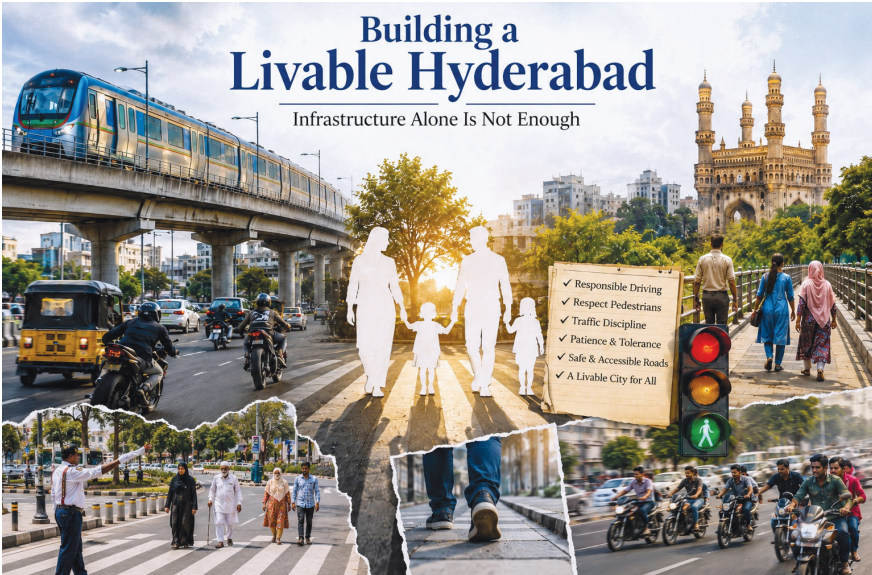
Hyderabad is changing rapidly. Flyovers are rising where traffic once remained trapped for hours, metro connectivity is expanding towards the Old City and the airport, and road infrastructure is improving across the city. The recent inauguration of the 3.3-km Chanchalguda-Santoshnagar (Saidabad) steel flyover by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, built at a cost of ₹620 crore, is yet another significant step towards easing congestion and reducing travel time.

These developments are welcome. They reflect sustained government efforts and demonstrate that Hyderabad is steadily acquiring the infrastructure needed for a modern metropolitan city.

But infrastructure alone cannot make a city truly livable.

On the very day the new flyover was opened, reports of late-night bike racing and speeding autos on the elevated corridor highlighted a disturbing reality. A structure designed to improve mobility and safety was quickly being treated as a racetrack. This is not merely a traffic violation; it points to a larger crisis of civic responsibility and road discipline.

Across Hyderabad, im-



patience has become increasingly visible on the roads. People leave late and then attempt to make up for lost time by speeding. Auto drivers compete for passengers. Young motorists, and sometimes even older drivers, treat overtaking as a priority rather than safety. Driving against the flow of traffic remains common. At Tolichowki, minor disagreements frequently turn into confrontations because motorists are unwilling to yield. At Gachibowli crossroads, congestion is aggravated not only by the volume of vehicles but also by a lack of cooperation.

On Bandlaguda Road, pedestrians, students and senior citizens often struggle to cross safely as vehicles refuse to slow down. In areas such as Balapur and Mallapur, wider roads

have, in some cases, encouraged higher speeds without a corresponding improvement in driving discipline.

Traffic congestion, therefore, cannot always be blamed on inadequate road width. It is also the result of individual behaviour. When every driver seeks to move ahead of everyone else, competition replaces cooperation, congestion worsens and frustration turns into road rage. The consequences can be devastating.

Many road deaths are preventable. A genuinely livable Hyderabad needs more than flyovers, wider roads and concrete structures. It needs unobstructed footpaths, continuous pedestrian pathways, clearly marked zebra crossings and properly located foot-

over-bridges. It needs scientifically designed roads, functioning traffic signals and adequate traffic personnel.

Most importantly, it needs citizens who understand that roads are shared public spaces—not personal race tracks.

Pedestrian safety must become a non-negotiable priority. Drivers should instinctively slow down near schools, hospitals, markets and residential areas. Traffic discipline and basic road sense should receive greater attention during the licensing process, including when driving licences are renewed. Enforcement must also be consistent and impartial.

Yet enforcement alone will not solve the problem. What Hyderabad needs is a broader cultural change

in the way people use its roads. Patience, tolerance and consideration for others must become part of everyday driving behaviour.

Saving a few minutes through reckless overtaking is never worth risking a life.

Hyderabad’s development is real and encouraging. Metro expansion, new flyovers and improved connectivity have the potential to significantly enhance the quality of life for millions. But that potential will remain incomplete if citizens continue to drive as though the road belongs only to the fastest or the most aggressive.

More flyovers should not mean more reckless driving. Better roads should bring greater responsibility.

A city becomes truly livable when its people choose patience over confrontation, caution over haste and collective safety over individual urgency. Hyderabad’s infrastructure is moving forward. The real question is whether our civic sense will move forward with it.

The answer will determine whether the city’s roads remain places of daily conflict and preventable tragedy—or become safe, efficient corridors of genuine progress for every resident, whether a driver, passenger or pedestrian.

Rain Deficit: Telangana Must Act Before It Is Too Late

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The shortage of rains in Telangana this season is a warning the State cannot afford to ignore. For a State where agriculture and rural livelihoods remain closely tied to the monsoon, inadequate and uneven rainfall can quickly translate into delayed sowing, crop losses, mounting debts and distress among farmers.

The immediate priority must be to protect farmers. The government should closely monitor rain-deficit areas, provide timely crop advisories and help farmers shift to suitable alternative crops wherever necessary. Crop insurance and compensation for losses must reach affected farmers without the usual bureaucratic delays. Assistance that arrives after a farmer has already suffered heavy losses serves little purpose.

The rain deficit also raises serious concerns

about water security. Poor inflows can affect reservoirs, irrigation supplies and groundwater levels, increasing pressure on both rural and urban water needs. Telangana must therefore strengthen water conservation measures, restore traditional tanks, promote rainwater harvesting and accelerate groundwater recharge. Every available source of water must be used carefully.

The State must also address the underlying problem of water-intensive agriculture. Farmers cannot be asked to change cropping patterns without assured markets, remunerative prices and practical support. A sustainable agricultural policy must encourage crops suited to local water availability while protecting farm incomes. More importantly, Telangana needs to prepare for increasing rainfall uncertainty. Recent years have shown

that the State can face both prolonged dry spells and sudden, intense rainfall. Water management and agricultural planning must recognise this changing reality instead of treating every monsoon failure as an unexpected event.

The government cannot control the clouds, but it can control its response. The present rain deficit must trigger immediate preparedness at the village, district and State levels. Timely action can reduce the impact of a weak monsoon; complacency will only make the eventual crisis more expensive.

Telangana has invested heavily in irrigation and water infrastructure. The real test of these investments is how effectively they protect farmers and communities when the monsoon disappoints. The State must act now, before a rainfall shortage becomes a full-fledged agricultural and water crisis.

India’s Forex Reserves Hit Record High of \$740.803 Billion

India’s foreign exchange reserves surged by \$11.475 billion in the week ended August 28 to reach an all-time high of \$740.803 billion, according to data released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday.

The latest increase has taken the country’s reserves \$49.696 billion above the end-March level and \$46.574 billion higher than the corresponding period last year, reflecting a strong improvement in India’s external financial position.

Foreign currency assets (FCA), the largest component of the reserves, rose by \$9.337 billion during the week to \$600.67 billion. FCA holdings were \$48.387 billion higher than at the end of March and up \$16.73 billion compared with a year earlier.

Gold reserves also recorded a significant rise, increasing by \$2.191 billion during the week to \$116.409 billion. Gold holdings were \$1.014 billion higher than at the end of March and \$29.641 billion above the level recorded a year ago.

India’s Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) with the International Monetary Fund stood at \$18.81 billion, while the country’s reserve position with the IMF declined by \$11 million to \$4.914 billion during the week.

The strong growth in reserves has been supported by robust foreign currency inflows following measures introduced by the RBI, including a special dollar-rupee swap facility. The central bank has said India’s banking system mobilised \$136.38 billion through the facility.

As of August 31, FCNR(B) deposits accounted for \$127.23 billion of these inflows, while overseas foreign currency borrowings contributed \$5.26 billion and external commercial borrowings brought in another \$3.89 billion.

The record level of forex reserves provides India with a stronger buffer against external economic shocks and supports confidence in the country’s financial stability. The record reserves also strengthen India’s ability to withstand external economic pressures, including global market volatility and currency fluctuations.

A larger reserve cushion provides greater confidence in the country’s external financial stability and supports the RBI’s capacity to manage potential shocks.

RBI May Raise Repo Rate to 6% by April 2027

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) may raise the repo rate to 6 per cent by April 2027 as it seeks to contain rising inflationary pressures and address excess liquidity in the financial system, according to a Bandhan AMC report.

The report said strong foreign currency inflows have created a surge in rupee liquidity, pushing

overnight interest rates below the policy rate. The RBI may therefore need to gradually normalise liquidity conditions through measures such as foreign exchange swaps, Market Stabilisation Scheme bonds, open market sales and a possible increase in the Cash Reserve Ratio.

Rising energy and commodity prices, re-

newed tensions in the Middle East, uneven monsoon conditions and strong credit growth of around 18 per cent are adding to inflation risks. While recent economic data has remained relatively reassuring, the RBI’s Monetary Policy Committee is expected to maintain greater vigilance as global price pressures increase.

LIC gets RBI approval for up to 9.99 pc stake in ICICI Bank

State-owned Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has received approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to acquire up to 9.99 per cent of the paid-up share capital or voting rights in ICICI Bank.

ICICI Bank said it received the RBI’s approval letter, dated September 4, on Friday night. The approval gives LIC one year from the date of

the letter to acquire the stake, subject to compliance with all applicable statutory and regulatory requirements.

However, the RBI approval does not mean LIC has immediately increased its stake in ICICI Bank to 9.99 per cent. Any increase in holding will be subject to the conditions laid down by the RBI and other regulatory requirements.

Europe’s Gold Is Moving West – But Not Towards America

For decades, European nations have regarded the United States as one of the safest places to store their gold reserves. That confidence, however, appears to be undergoing a gradual shift. Several European countries are now reassessing where their strategic gold holdings should be kept, raising questions about changing perceptions of financial security, geopolitical risk and the future of the global monetary system.

The Netherlands is the latest country to make a significant adjustment. De Nederlandsche Bank, the Dutch central bank, has recently shifted around 86 tonnes of gold that was previously held in the United States and Canada, moving part of its reserves towards London and its own facilities. The move follows similar steps by France and Germany to bring portions of their gold reserves back from overseas.

At first glance, these developments may appear to be routine adjustments in reserve management. Central banks regularly

review the geographical distribution of their assets. But in the current global environment, the movement of gold carries a significance that goes beyond ordinary financial administration.

Gold is not simply a precious metal. For central banks, it is a strategic reserve asset that becomes particularly valuable during periods of war, financial instability, inflation, currency uncertainty and geopolitical tension. Unlike government bonds or national currencies, gold does not carry direct sovereign credit risk. Its value does not depend on the financial strength or policy decisions of a particular government.

The Netherlands holds around 612.4 tonnes of gold, worth tens of billions of dollars. Before the recent changes, its reserves were distributed among the United States, Canada, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. Following the latest operation, the share of Dutch gold held in London has increased.

Importantly, not all

of this gold was physically transported across the Atlantic. A substantial portion was reportedly sold in the United States and replaced with equivalent holdings in London, while another portion was moved to the Netherlands. This distinction is important because the development is less about transporting tonnes of metal and more about changing where the country’s gold exposure is located.

London’s role in the global gold market helps explain why it has become an important destination. The city remains one of the world’s leading centres for gold trading, while the Bank of England has long been a major storage location for central-bank gold. Its vaults contain large quantities of gold belonging not only to Britain but also to other countries.

For central banks, the ability to access, trade or mobilise gold quickly during a crisis can be an important consideration. In an increasingly uncertain global environment, the location of strategic

reserves can therefore become a matter of national strategy rather than simply logistics.

The recent moves by European countries should not automatically be interpreted as a rejection of the United States or as evidence that a major financial crisis is imminent. Central banks routinely reassess their reserve structures, taking into account security, accessibility, market liquidity, geopolitical risks and international relations. Nevertheless, the timing is noteworthy.

Relations between the United States and several European countries have faced increasing strains over trade policy, defence commitments and broader geopolitical differences. Against this backdrop, the decision by some European governments to bring part of their strategic assets closer to home can be viewed as an effort to reduce dependence on any single foreign jurisdiction.

Germany’s experience is particularly significant. The Bundesbank has reportedly transferred around 216 tonnes of

gold, including substantial quantities from New York and Paris. Such decisions indicate that Europe’s major economies continue to place considerable importance on having greater control over their strategic reserves.

The renewed importance of gold is also linked to the changing global financial landscape. During periods of inflation, currency volatility, geopolitical confrontation or financial instability, gold can serve as a hedge against uncertainty. Its lack of direct dependence on any sovereign issuer makes it fundamentally different from most traditional reserve assets.

The sharp rise in gold prices in recent years has further strengthened its appeal. Central banks around the world have increased their interest in the metal, and continued accumulation could have broader implications for the international financial system.

For decades, the global monetary order has revolved around the dominant role of the US dollar and American financial



markets. A gradual diversification of reserve assets, combined with changes in where those assets are physically held, could indicate that some countries are seeking greater financial resilience and more control over their strategic wealth.

That does not mean the dollar’s dominance is about to disappear, nor does it suggest that gold will replace modern currencies. Such conclusions would be premature. The international financial system remains deeply dependent on the dollar, while gold continues to function primarily as a reserve and

diversification asset.

But the growing interest in gold deserves attention because it reflects how governments are responding to a more uncertain world.

For India, this trend is particularly relevant. The country has a long-standing cultural and financial relationship with gold, while the Reserve Bank of India also maintains significant gold holdings as part of its overall reserve management strategy. Rising international gold prices have implications not only for the central bank but also for households, investors and

policymakers. The larger lesson, however, goes beyond gold itself. The location of a country’s strategic reserves can reveal how its government assesses future risks. When nations begin reconsidering where their most valuable financial assets should be stored, they are also reassessing their confidence in the stability of the global system. Europe’s gold is not necessarily moving because a crisis has already arrived. It may simply be moving because governments want to be better prepared if one does. That distinction is important. Prudence is not panic.



CAB Felicitates Mohammed Shami Ahead of 100th First-Class Appearance



New Delhi, Sep 5:

The Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) felicitated India fast bowler Mohammed Shami in Chennai on Saturday ahead of his landmark 100th First-Class appearance.

Shami is set to reach the milestone when he represents East Zone in the Duleep Trophy final against South Zone at the M.A. Chidambaram Stadium from Sunday. CAB Treasurer Sanjay Das presented the 36-year-old pacer with a special No. 100 Bengal jersey signed by CAB President and former India captain Sourav Ganguly, along with a signed cricket ball and a silver plaque.

Kangana Hits Back at Netizen Over Janmashtami Bhog Preparation

Mumbai, Sep 5:

Actor and BJP MP Kangana Ranaut hit back at a netizen who pointed out an alleged mistake in a video showing her preparing bhog for Janmashtami at her mother's home in Manali.

Kangana had shared a video on Friday in which she was seen preparing the traditional offering in the same kitchen where she made prasad during her childhood. A user on X questioned why the gas was not switched on and also pointed out that the cooking utensil appeared to be already black.

Shami's East Zone teammates, including captain Ishan Kishan, also presented him with a jersey signed by the squad members. Ishan praised Shami's determination and said the veteran fast bowler continues to work hard with the aim of making a comeback to the Indian team.

"He has that hunger and motivation. He wants to make a comeback and be part of the Indian squad again," Ishan said ahead of the Duleep Trophy final.

Ganguly also sent a motivational message to the East Zone squad, urging the players to play aggressively, stay united and bring the Duleep Trophy home.

Responding sharply, Kangana clarified that the dish was not halwa and that its ingredients were prepared separately before being mixed, set and cut into pieces. She told the user to "focus on eating" instead of worrying about her cooking skills.

In the video, Kangana also recalled childhood memories associated with the kitchen and wished everyone on the occasion of Janmashtami. She was seen wearing a white traditional outfit with a small bindi and traditional earrings while preparing the festive offering.

Rinku Singh Plays Through Pain to Guide Meerut Mavericks into UPT20 Final

New Delhi, Sep 5:

Meerut Mavericks captain Rinku Singh revealed he took a painkiller to play through injury and smashed an unbeaten 37 off 23 balls to guide his side into the UPT20 League final for the fourth consecutive time.

Chasing 135, Meerut slipped to 61/4 before Rinku and Yash Garg (56*) rescued the innings. Rinku also took a crucial wicket with the ball, while Garg earlier claimed 3/14.

Meerut Mavericks will face Lucknow Falcons in Sunday's final.

Mike Hesson Surprised by Sudden Changes to Pakistan Test Squad

New Delhi, Sep 5:

Pakistan's interim Test coach Mike Hesson has expressed surprise over the sudden changes to the squad ahead of the third Test against England, saying he had no role in decisions to drop certain players.

Speaking at a press conference in Birmingham, Hesson said he was in Japan preparing for the Asian Games when he was called back to Pakistan at short notice and sent to England. He admitted that he was not fully aware of the decisions behind the changes to the squad.

Hesson said his immediate priority was to work with the available players and build a balanced combination capable of winning the third Test. He also praised Salman Ali Agha, describing him as one of Pakistan's best players in recent years, while admitting that he did not know why the batter had been left out.

The interim coach also backed spinner Ali Usman as a talented bowler but said selecting a finger spinner who does not contribute with the bat could be a difficult decision under the prevailing conditions in England.

CAG Survive PSB Scare; PSPB Held by PNB in Hyderabad

Hyderabad, Sep 5:

Last year's runners-up Comptroller & Auditor General of India (CAG) survived a major scare from Punjab & Sind Bank (PSB), while defending champions Petroleum Sports Promotion Board (PSPB) were held to a 4-4 draw by Punjab National Bank (PNB) on the second day of the 6th Hockey India Senior Men Inter-Department National Championship 2026 at the Gachibowli Hockey Stadium here on Saturday.

PSB made a strong start against CAG, taking a 2-0 lead through penalty-corner conversions by skipper Gautampal Singh and Yuvraj Singh. CAG fought back through Trishul Ganapathi H, Deepak and skipper Parmod to take a 3-2 lead before Manjeet extended the advantage. PSB reduced the deficit through Prabhdeep Singh, but Manjeet struck again to make it 5-3. Sukhwinder Singh scored in the dying moments to give PSB hope, but CAG held on for a thrilling 5-4



victory. Defending champions PSPB appeared to be cruising after taking a 3-0 lead against PNB through Sudeep Chirmako, Dipsan Turkey and Dilbar Barla. However, PNB staged a remarkable comeback, with Sachin Sachin, Gursimran Singh, Priksit Panchal and Mahipal finding the net to secure a 4-4 draw and deny the champions three points.

Sports Authority of India (SAI), who had thrashed Defence Sports Control Board 20-1 on the opening day, continued their impressive run with a 5-0 win over CRPF.

Railway Sports Promotion Board (RSPB) recorded the biggest win of the day, defeating Tamil Nadu Police 12-1. Amandeep Lakra and Simranjot Singh scored hat-tricks, while Shreyas Dupe added two goals.

Food Corporation of India beat CISF 4-0, Central Secretariat defeated Sashastra Seema Bal 5-1, and CBDT beat Services Sports Control Board 5-2, while All India Police Sports Control Board defeated Steel Plant Sports Board 4-0, with Arun Sahani scoring a hat-trick.

EM News CC Clinch Champion League T20 Season 2 Title with 84-Run Victory



Hyderabad, Sep 5:

EM News CC (Harmain CC) produced an impressive all-round performance to clinch the Champion League T20 Season 2 title, defeating Hassan Warriors by 84 runs in the final at MPS Bhanu Cricket Ground, Hyderabad, on September 1. Batting first after Hassan Warriors opted to field, EM News CC posted a formidable 229/3 in 20 overs. Kalam was the star of the innings, smashing an unbeaten 129 off just 64 balls, including 13 fours and eight sixes at a strike rate of 201.5. Adil provided excellent support with a brisk 61 off 39 balls, featuring six fours and three sixes.

Chasing 230, Hassan Warriors struggled to maintain momentum and were bowled out for 145 in 16.5

overs. Moid Khan led the bowling attack with three wickets for 24 runs, while Iftaqar also claimed three wickets for 33 runs. MM Khan picked up two wickets, with Saleem Boss and Mir Murtuza Ali taking one each.

EM News captain Mohammad Muzammil Khan and vice-captain Syed Iftaqar also delivered impressive bowling performances, playing a key role in restricting the opposition and keeping the pressure on throughout the chase.

Kalam's unbeaten century was the standout performance of the final, while the team's disciplined bowling and strong overall display ensured a comprehensive 84-run victory. EM News CC lifted the Champion League T20 Season 2 championship trophy in style.

IOA Rejects BCCI's Complaint Over Cricket Facilities at Asian Games



New Delhi, Sep 5:

The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has rejected the Board of Control for Cricket in India's (BCCI) concerns over inadequate facilities for Indian cricketers at the upcoming Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, and asked the board to make its own arrangements if it is dissatisfied with the facilities provided by the organisers.

The BCCI had raised concerns over the arrangements for the Indian cricket teams, including a dressing room set up in a tent and washrooms located around 500 metres away. The board is also

reportedly unhappy with the size of the hotel rooms allotted to the players.

According to reports, the IOA has made it clear that all members of the Indian contingent will be treated equally and that separate facilities cannot be provided exclusively for cricketers. However, the BCCI has been given the option of arranging additional facilities at its own expense if it considers the existing arrangements inadequate.

BCCI CEO Hemang Amin is reportedly in touch with the IOA, while the board is planning to send a team to Japan to assess the facilities ahead of the tournament.

The BCCI and the Asian Cricket Council had earlier raised their concerns with Japanese Olympic officials.

The Asian Games are scheduled to begin in Japan on September 19. Reports had earlier suggested that the BCCI could consider sending a second-string team if the facilities were not improved, although the board has made no official statement on the matter.

India's men's squad will be led by Shreyas Iyer, with Tilak Varma as vice-captain, while the women's team will be led by Harmanpreet Kaur, with Smriti Mandhana as vice-captain.

No-Handshakes Protocol Continues in India-Pakistan Women's Asia Cup Clash

New Delhi, Sep 5:

The no-handshake protocol continued during the India-Pakistan Group A clash in the 2026 Women's Asia Cup at the Dubai International Stadium on Saturday, with India captain Harmanpreet Kaur and Pakistan skipper Fatima Sana avoiding the traditional pre-match greeting at the toss.

After Fatima Sana won the toss and was called for the proceedings by former Sri Lankan cricketer Farveez Maharroof, no handshake took place between

the two captains, either before or after the toss.

The stance follows a policy adopted by Indian cricket teams across senior, women's and age-group competitions amid diplomatic tensions between India and Pakistan. The practice was first prominently seen during the 2025 Men's Asia Cup in the UAE, when India avoided handshakes with Pakistan in all three meetings, including the final.

Since then, the protocol has continued across various India-Pakistan fixtures, including the Women's ODI World Cup, Rising Stars

Asia Cup, Under-19 Asia Cup, Under-19 World Cup and Men's T20 World Cup.

Ahead of the current tournament, India head coach Amol Muzumdar had said the team remained focused on playing its best cricket rather than matters off the field.

Harmanpreet had also declined to give a definitive answer before the tournament on whether the protocol would continue.

Saturday's toss, however, confirmed that the no-handshake stance remains in place for the latest chapter of the India-Pakistan rivalry.

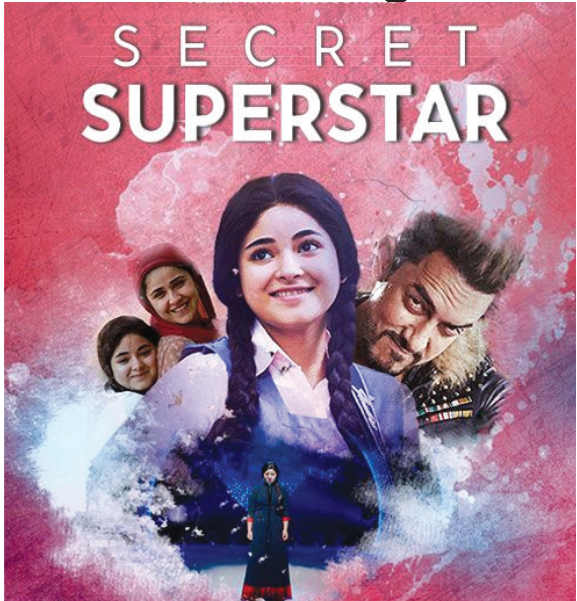
'Secret Superstar' Stuns China Box Office, Earns Over Rs 900 Crore on Rs 15 Crore Budget

Mumbai, Sep 5:

Big stars, massive budgets and extensive promotions are often considered key ingredients for a Bollywood blockbuster. However, Aamir Khan's 2017 film Secret Superstar proved that a compelling story can achieve extraordinary success even without a huge budget or a star-studded cast.

Directed by Advait Chandan, the film was reportedly made on a budget of around Rs 15 crore but went on to earn more than Rs 900 crore worldwide. While trade reports differ on the exact figure, with some estimates placing its global collection between Rs 912 crore and Rs 970 crore, there is little doubt that the film emerged as one of the most profitable Indian films.

The biggest surprise came from China, where Secret Superstar received an overwhelming response. While the film earned around Rs 63-64 crore net in India, China contributed the bulk of its overseas earnings, with re-



ports estimating its Chinese business at several hundred crore rupees.

The film starred Zaira Wasim as Insia Malik, a young girl who dreams of becoming a singer despite opposition from her family. She secretly uploads her songs online while wearing a veil, eventually attracting the attention of music producer Shakti Kumar, played by Aamir Khan.

The film dealt with themes of dreams, domestic violence, family pressure, self-reliance

and finding one's identity. Its emotional storyline, performances and music helped it connect strongly with audiences, particularly in China. The success of Secret Superstar demonstrated that a film does not necessarily need a massive budget or a large star cast to become a global hit. Its remarkable returns on a modest investment also highlighted the growing international appeal of Indian cinema and the power of a strong, emotionally driven story.

Two Nizamabad Shooters Make History with Two Medals; Grand Felicitation Held

Hyderabad, Sep 5:

Two promising young rifle shooters from Nizamabad, Mohammed Abdul Qayyum, son of Mohammed Abdul Shakir, and Mohammed Muhtashim Ali Khan, son of Masood Ali Khan, created history by delivering outstanding performances in their very first rifle shooting competitions.

Mohammed Abdul Qayyum, who entered the sport in 2023, won a Silver Medal in the 300-meter Rifle Junior Event and a Bronze Medal in the 300-meter Rifle Senior Event. His excellent performance demonstrated his skill and dedication, and he too secured qualification for the upcoming National Rifle Shooting Championships.

To honor these remarkable achievements, senior Congress leader and former President of the Nizamabad City Minority Cell, Hamid Bin Ghanam, along with Saeed Bin Ghanam, owner of Evergreen Hotel in Ahmadi Bazaar, Nizamabad, organized a grand felicitation



Ali Farooq, who have played a significant role in his development as a shooter.

Similarly, Mohammed Muhtashim Ali Khan also made an impressive debut by winning a Silver Medal in the 300-meter Rifle Senior Event. His excellent performance demonstrated his skill and dedication, and he too secured qualification for the upcoming National Rifle Shooting Championships.

ceremony.

The event was attended by former Deputy Mayor Mir Majaz Ali, senior Congress leader Syed Najeeb Ali (Advocate), M.A. Qayyum (NRI), Mohammed Nisar Ahmed, Dr. Mohammed Abdul Qawi, Head of the Department of Urdu at Telangana University, senior journalist Ahmed Ali Khan, Nasir Bin Saeed, Yasir Bin Saeed, Talib Bin Saeed, Talha Bin Saeed, M.A. Jaleel, Corporator Mir Muntaz Ali, and a large number of youth.

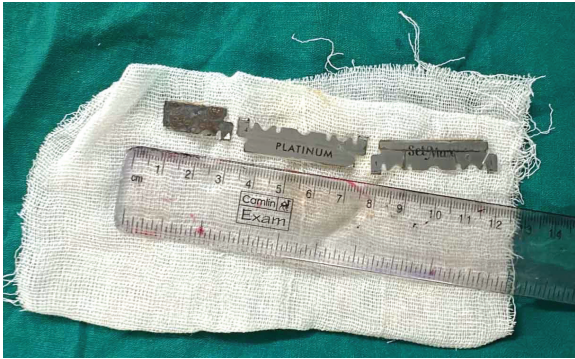
The guests felicitated the medal winners with floral honors and conveyed their best wishes, praising them for bringing pride to Nizamabad and setting an inspiring example for the younger generation.

OGH doctors remove 3 razor blade pieces from teen's stomach

A 16-year-old boy in Hyderabad was rushed to the hospital after swallowing multiple razor blades, leaving doctors with the delicate task of removing the sharp objects from his stomach.

The teenager, identified as Mujebur Rehman, was brought to Osmania General Hospital at around 2 am on Thursday. An X-ray revealed multiple radio-opaque blade pieces inside his stomach, following which he was referred to the hospital's Medical Gastroenterology department.

A team led by several doctors then performed a minimally invasive gastro-intestinal endoscopy to retrieve the objects. The doctors successfully removed three sharp



pieces of razor blades from the teenager's stomach.

The procedure was particularly challenging because of the risk posed by the sharp edges. Doctors had to carefully remove the pieces while avoiding possible lacerations or perforations to the stomach and gastro-intestinal tract.

"The procedure was challenging because there are always chances of internal injuries in

the form of lacerations and perforations," Dr Ramesh Kumar said.

The hospital said his recovery after the procedure was uneventful and that he was currently doing well.

Senior health officials said the Medical Gastroenterology team at OGH had experience in performing endoscopic procedures to remove different kinds of foreign bodies from the gastrointestinal tract.

'Come Work For Us' Indian boy gets job offer from Dutch Environmentalist

As heavy rain continues to disrupt daily commutes in several cities, a man has sparked a conversation online after questioning why employees are still expected to travel to offices during extreme weather despite work-from-home technology being readily available.

In a video shared on Instagram, the man spoke about the disconnect between technological progress and workplace practices in India. He argued that while remote working has become possible for many jobs, employers are often reluctant to offer the flexibility even when weather conditions make commuting difficult.

'Indian work culture still does not really recognise that' The man, identified as Joshua Jacob Smith, expressed his frustration while highlighting



how employees may have to reach their workplaces drenched after travelling through heavy rain.

"So basically with technology going so far, work from home has become a possibility. But, um, the Indian work culture still does not really recognise that on a day where it's raining like crazy, and you have to go into work

fully wet."

His remarks reflected a concern frequently raised by employees about whether companies should adopt more flexible working policies during heavy rain, flooding and other situations that can make travelling to the office inconvenient or unsafe.

Sharing the video, Smith also questioned

whether some workplaces have failed to keep pace with changing working styles.

"Who agrees that some employers still do live in the Stone Age?" the caption accompanying the post reads.

Social media users react The video prompted reactions from social media users, with several agreeing that companies should

consider remote work during severe weather rather than expecting employees to commute regardless of the conditions.

One user wrote, "WFH should be common sense on such days." Another echoed the sentiment and commented, "Indian work culture really needs to evolve."

Others argued that while technology has made remote working easier, attitudes towards workplace flexibility have not changed at the same pace.

"Technology changed, but workplace mindsets didn't," one person remarked.

Another user suggested that employers should have a straightforward policy for days of particularly intense rainfall, writing, "Heavy rain should automatically mean WFH."

Man with Cerebral Palsy completes 10-km run at 12,500 feet For Second Time

For Anurag Rawat, completing a 10-kilometre run at an altitude of 12,500 feet is another major milestone in his journey. Living with cerebral palsy, he has continued to take on fitness challenges that test his strength and endurance. He has now completed the high-altitude run for the second time in India.

Rawat has faced several challenges since childhood, but they have not stopped him from pursuing his goals. From taking part in marathons

to building a large online following, he has continued to push himself and share his journey with others.

A post shared on Instagram said, "For the second time in India, an individual has brought global acclaim to the country by completing a 10-kilometer run at an altitude of 12,500 feet while living with cerebral palsy."

The achievement adds to Rawat's growing list of fitness challenges. He has regularly shared pic-

tures and videos from his workouts, runs and other events, giving his followers a look at his journey.

As per The Economic Times, Rawat was diagnosed with cerebral palsy when he was just two years old. Growing up, he wanted to join the Army, inspired by his father. However, he had to leave school after completing Class 8.

Leaving school was a difficult phase for Rawat. He also had to deal with people who doubted his ability to build a mean-

- Anurag Completes The Run At 12,500 feet
- He Refused To Let Setbacks Decide His Future
- Followers Praise His Determination

ingful future. Instead of allowing those comments to hold him back, he began looking for his own way forward.

Rawat started documenting his life on social media and taught himself how to shoot and edit videos. His content included gym workouts, running events, fitness challenges and everyday moments from his life.

Over time, his journey helped him build an on-

line community of more than two lakh followers. His content focuses on showing what he can do rather than allowing cerebral palsy to define his limits.

His latest achievement has also received several supportive comments. One user wrote, "So proud of you anurag... can't express enough for the ways you have inspired me. Rajeev sir must be so proud of you. We, the monkmlers are so proud that our fellow monk is doing so well. Love you, keep inspiring, keep breaking limits."

Another said, "You are the personification of 'giving up is not in the blood'"

"Strength isn't always about having perfect abilities, it's about having an unstoppable spirit Truly inspiring," a person said. "what a damn inspiration," another said.

'My 7-year-old thinks ChatGPT knows everything': Gurugram man shares what AI can't teach

LinkedIn user Karan Dhundia shared the observation while talking about his daughter's perception of ChatGPT and how AI is changing the way people approach questions.

The caption read, "My seven-year-old thinks ChatGPT knows everything."

"If her parents don't have an answer, her instinct isn't 'let's find out together'. It's 'just ask ChatGPT'. It makes me laugh. But she's not wrong. It probably does know a lot more facts."

"It's just missing the thing she actually needs, which is us struggling to find the answer with her. The pausing. The guessing. The 'let's look it up together'. That's a skill."

"I see the same pattern showing up at work. Someone hits a question they can't answer, and the fastest move now is to ask a tool, not a colleague. The tool answers faster. But something else used to happen in that gap. A conversation. A mentor moment. A person learning to think."

A Gurugram man's post about his 7-year-old daughter's growing reliance on ChatGPT has sparked a conversation about what AI may be taking away from everyday learning.

"AI can give my daughter an answer. It cannot give her the memory of watching two adults not know something and figure it out anyway. That's the human part I don't want to automate, at home or at work."

"The best leaders I know aren't the ones with the fastest answers. They're the ones still willing to sit in the not knowing, out loud, in front of their team. When did you last let someone watch you not know something?"

Internet reacts to AI and learning

One person wrote, "This is completely relat-

able. If there is something AI can't replace, then it has to be human connection. Asking questions and taking advice not only keeps conversations alive but also gives a perspective that AI tends to miss, including the background of the problem, culture and so on."

Another user said, "The most important insight here is that AI can eliminate the struggle, but the struggle is often where learning happens. When a child or an employee sees us say, 'I don't know, let's figure it out', they learn curiosity, resilience and how to reason through uncertainty. Those are capabilities no answer engine can simply hand them."

A commenter shared an experience from the early stages of their career, writing, "Reading this from the junior side, some of the most useful moments in my first months were watching my seniors go, 'Hmm, actually, I don't know. Let's check,' on a call. It taught me that not knowing is allowed. If they'd all had instant answers, I'd have learned the opposite lesson."

Another user added, "I still teach alongside building my company, and this is one of the things I don't want us to lose. Watching an adult say, 'I don't know,' and work it out teaches a child something an instant answer can't: how to think when the answer isn't available."

A final commenter said, "I believe the days of staying in the discomfort of not knowing are long gone for most people. Obviously, there is no tangible number to this. With AI, the ability to show up with the vulnerability of 'I don't know... let's figure it out' is becoming the harder skill to own."

Mumbai woman returns to college for packaging course, daughter captures first day

For many families, the first day of college is usually associated with young students stepping into a new phase of life. For one Mumbai woman, however, the occasion came with a heartwarming role reversal as she accompanied her mother on the first day of a three-month packaging course.

Tanvi Malhara shared a video on Instagram documenting the experience, from heading to the institute to checking out the hostel. The clip captures her mother's mix of nervousness and excitement as she prepares to return to student life.

"First day of college... not for me, for her!" "First day of college... not for me, for her!" Malhara says at the beginning of the video before asking her mother about the course she has enrolled in.

"Which course are you doing?" she asks.



"Packaging. It's a packaging course at ITC," her mother replies.

Malhara then tells viewers, "She's doing a course in packaging for three months in Mumbai, and now we are going to check the hostel."

As they arrive at the institute, her mother points towards the premises and says, "That's the campus."

Behind the cheerful moment, however, were an emotional couple of days as her mother came to terms with beginning the course.

"Mom is laughing right now, but she was crying just as much earlier."

She's been crying for the last two days because she doesn't want to do the course... but she wants to as well," Malhara says in the video.

Her mother then jokes about returning to student life at this stage of her life.

"At the age when I should be doing Ramdhyan (praying/retiring), they've sent me here to study!" she says, laughing. The clip was shared with the caption, "Dr. Nalini is always studying".

Malhara confirmed that her mother has joined the Indian Institute of Packaging in Mumbai for the course.

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